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T. Stuart Haller House  
Bartonsville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1820; ca. 1900-1940

The Stuart Haller House is a two-story stone and frame dwelling with a stucco exterior, a two-story rear wing and a one-story frame addition. It was built originally in the first quarter of the 19th century, but extensively altered in the period 1920-1940 by Haller, a noted local landscape architect. Haller added the frame part of the house, possibly reorienting the main elevation toward the north and designing a site plan with a naturalized appearance featuring trees, shrubs, and lawns. The result is a streamlined Colonial Revival style house in a setting which looks original but is actually a designed characteristic. The property also includes a rebuilt stone schoolhouse, the Hammond School No. 64, built about 1835-1840 further to the south and relocated by Haller to near the main dwelling for use in an altered form as a studio. Other outbuildings are a garden shed, a tenant house, and a stable/carriage house now used as a garage. Haller (1891-1971) was the most prominent landscape architect in Frederick County during the first half of the 20th century and the Haller House is significant as a good example of his style. Another example of his work is the formal garden at Guilford (F-3-40), a large historic house with extensive outbuildings, some of which Haller incorporated in his design. Haller occupied his residence from about 1920 to 1946.

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Bartonsville

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building and Site

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Building/single dwelling/residence

Building/secondary structure/garage

Building/secondary structure/other dependencies

Known Design Source: T. Stuart Haller, landscape architect

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic T. Stuart Haller Houseand/or common "Sunnymeade"

## 2. Location

street & number 9515 Baltimore Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Bartonsville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6thstate Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rayburn Family Partnershipstreet & number 9515 Baltimore Road telephone no.:city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1851street & number 100 S. Patrick Street folio 814city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	schoolhouse
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move C. 1925
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

The T. Stuart Haller House is a two-story stone and frame dwelling built in part in the first quarter of the 19th century with extensive additions and alterations during the period about 1920-1940 which possibly reoriented the principal elevation toward the north and added a designed natural landscaped site by Haller, an early 20th century landscape architect. Haller also moved a circa 1840 stone school from a distant part of the property to a site near the dwelling and redesigned the structure as a studio. Also associated with the house are a frame stable currently used as a garage and built about 1900, a small frame garden shed probably dating from the 1920's, and a frame tenant house which appears to have been built about 1900. The complex is located on the south side of Baltimore Road, which parallels Old National Pike (Md. 144), about 1250 feet east of the intersection of Bells Lane, near Bartonsville, Frederick County, Maryland. The entrance to the complex is just east of Grace Trinity Reformed Church (now Grace Trinity Church of Christ) (F-5-4), an 1887 brick structure. The main dwelling is set back from the public road about 350 feet and the outbuildings and tenant house are located to the southeast and south. The property is currently named "Sunnymeade". Dates of the buildings are based on a personal interview with Mr. Richard Rayburn, one of the current owners, historical maps, land records, and site plans drawn by Stuart Haller in the 1920's which are retained by the owners. Architectural details of the earlier structure are sketchy because the early 20th century work almost completely obscures the original form and finish. The stone cellar under the eastern section of the house is virtually the only structural part of the early building still visible. The former schoolhouse was also completely rebuilt with the historical stone materials by Haller, but its windows, doors, roof, gables, and the rectangular addition on the north side are not part of its historic appearance. The stable, the garden shed, and the tenant house are the only buildings in which exterior architectural details were used in estimating dates.

The main dwelling is covered with white painted stucco and has a three-bay north elevation with a one-story porch and a shed dormer in the gable roof. A two-story rear wing extends from the southwest corner of the house and part of this wing is covered with german siding. A one-story frame shed addition on the south end of the wing also has german siding. The entrance on the north elevation has a 7-light transom and sidelights. French doors are in the flanking bays on the first story and the second story has paired sash with 9/1 sash flanked by paneled shutters. The shed dormer, added by Haller, according to Mr. Rayburn, has a band of five square windows with 3/1 sash. The roof is covered with artificial slate on the main section and standing seam metal on the wing and addition. The eaves are slightly extended with returns on the gable ends. Exterior chimneys are located at the east and west gable ends. The porch is raised on piers above an exposed stone foundation with lattice screens between the piers. Tuscan columns on the piers support the shed porch roof and a turned balustrade runs between the piers. The porch has a side staircase from the west to the wood deck.

The interior of the house reflects the 1920's remodeling and presents an early 20th century version of the Colonial Revival. This includes smooth plaster walls

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** C. 1820; C. 1900–40 **Builder/Architect** T. Stuart Haller, landscape architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Haller House is moderately significant in landscape architecture as an example of the work of T. Stuart Haller (1891–1971), the best-known landscape architect of the first half of the 20th century working in Frederick County. The house is minimally significant in architecture, being an extensive remodeling of an early 19th century stone house by Haller to create a streamlined version of the early 20th century Colonial Revival with a site featuring the natural style of landscape design. Included in the site's features is a rebuilt stone schoolhouse originally built about 1835–1840 as the Hammond School No. 64 and relocated by Haller in the 1920's to its present site near the house to be used as a design studio. Its appearance as a school was not reproduced and the building is more a part of the site design rather than a historical reconstruction. The Haller House was the architect's country residence from about 1920 to 1946, during most of his active career in landscape design. Haller's work has not been extensively studied or catalogued and is therefore not yet placed in context. He was, however, the foremost local landscape architect during his lifetime.

T. Stuart Haller was born November 2, 1891 in Frederick and was educated at the Mercersburg Academy and the University of Pennsylvania. He also attended the New York School of Fine Arts. His local work in Frederick County included mostly residential design and the only known example of his work in the Frederick County Inventory of Historic Sites is the garden of Guilford (F-3-40), a large estate just south of Frederick City with a circa 1810 mansion and many outbuildings. A formal garden in the English style is south of the house and includes an existing stone necessary as a swimming pool bath house. Haller's obituary in the Frederick News-Post in 1971 did not list clients or projects, but local garden clubs may have sources of information regarding Haller's works.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Frederick News-Post, Feb. 25, 1971, obituary of T. Stuart Haller

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.2. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966, p. 662.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 20 acres

Quadrangle name Walkersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 20 acres centered just south of the principal dwelling on Tax Map 78, Parcel 327.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning &amp; Zoning Dept. date June 1994

street &amp; number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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### 7.1 Description (Continued)

and hardwood floors with reproduction mantelpieces. More recent remodeling has added a larger kitchen in the rear wing. A terrace is located in the southeast angle of the house and wing.

Site characteristics: The environment of the main dwelling is one of natural appearance, with a sloping site toward the east where a shallow stream runs northward past the house. The driveway runs south to the west toward the tenant house and the terrain rises slightly toward the south. Mature trees screen the main house on the east and are scattered throughout the area between the two houses. Large shrubs are around the foundation of the house and an extensive lawn on the north slopes down toward the stream bed. An arbor east of the house is a recently built feature, as it does not appear on Haller's site plan, retained by the Rayburns. Although the buildings appear to have been placed in this setting, the historical appearance prior to Haller's work beginning in the 1920's was probably much more open, with few trees. Photographs of rural landscapes in Frederick County during the early 20th century show extensively cleared land for agricultural use. The site of the Haller House is therefore a designed feature and one of the contributing historical characteristics of the property.

Schoolhouse/studio: The one-story stone studio located south of the house is one of the site features related to Haller's landscape plan for the property. It is basically a small rectangular building with fieldstone walls and reused brick gables. The windows and roof are not original, being casements on the east and a 3/6 window on the south. Adjoining the rectangular building on the north is another rectangular section also of fieldstone with a band of casement windows. The interior has wood paneled walls and shelves and is currently used as a storage shed, but was used by Haller as a design studio. The building was originally erected about 1835-1840 as the Hammond District Public School No. 64 and was located further to the south of the original house on the site. Its one-acre site was mentioned as an exception in early deed records as part of the property description. It is noted on the 1858 Isaac Bond map, but not on the 1873 Titus Atlas, indicating that it was probably closed around 1870. Haller had the building disassembled and moved to the position behind the main dwelling and rebuilt it in an altered design for his studio.

Garden shed: The small frame building currently used as a garden shed has german siding and a cedar shake roof. A 2/2 window in the west side, a single pane opening in the south, and a vertical board door on the east are the only openings. The shed dates from about the 1920's.

Stable/carriage house/garage: The frame building with an exposed stone foundation on the north side is currently used as a garage. Its exterior is covered with german siding with a bank of sliding doors on the south. The gable ends have small louvred vents in the upper gable, indicating that it had hay storage in its early use. A loading door on the east is located between the vents. Small 6-panel windows are on the lower level. The structure was probably used as a carriage house and stable in the period about 1900-1925.

Tenant house: The former tenant house is now a residence of one of the other family owners of the Haller House property. It was probably built in the first

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## 7.2 Description (Continued)

quarter of the 20th century. It has german siding with a composition roof. A one-story entry porch, which is a recent rebuilding, shelters the north elevation which has an off-center entrance. The windows are 6/2 on the second story and 2/2 on the first story. Louvred shutters flank the openings. An off-center chimney rises above the roof. The gable end on the west has two bays with a side entry porch in the south bay. The interior was not observed for this survey.



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#### 9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

9515 ~~N.E.~~ Baltimore Road

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1851/814 23 Dec. 92	Rayburn Family Ltd. Partnership	Richard G. & Joyce Dolson Rayburn	(deed prepared w/o title examination) 93.3265 A. Plat attached & includes frame tenent house 25.111 A. <del>2460</del> - Lot "Sunnymead" Plat Book 246 P 116	
1302/73 30 Sept 85	Richard G. Rayburn et ux	J. Carlisle & Bertrude K. Smith		
1268/254 8 Jan 85	J. Carlisle Smith et ux tenants in common	J. Carlisle Smith et ux husb. & wife		
504/547 23 Jul 52	J. Carlisle Smith et ux	Arthur G. & Maurice E. Mamon		
460/5 7 Dec 46	Arthur G. & Maurice E. Mamon	J. Stuart & Ruth E. Haller		
386/477 30 Mar 33	Ruth E. Haller	George E. McLaughlin et al		
412/275 12 May 38	J. Stuart Haller et ux	Edward S. Delaplaine		
412/273 12 May 38	Edward S. Delaplaine	Ruth E. & J. Stuart Haller		
386/477 30 Mar 33	Ruth E. Haller	George V. McLaughlin & Brooklyn Trust Co execs of LWT of Maurice T. Lewis, Kings Co., NY		\$12,500
372/428 26 Nov 29	Maurice T. Lewis	J. Stuart & Ruth E. Haller		

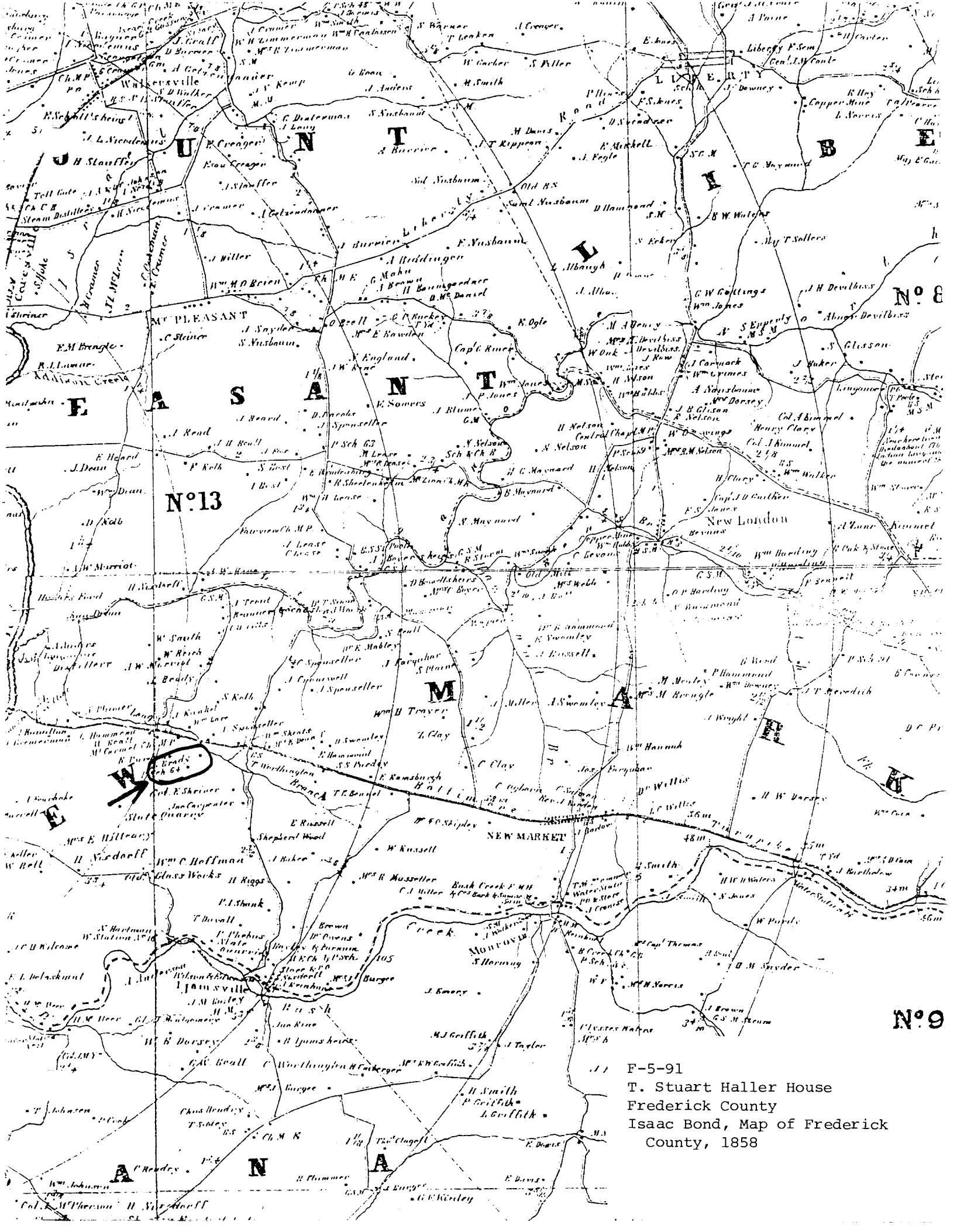
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
304/462 22 Apr 13	J. Stuart Haller	John M. & Mary C. Dennis	1) AF 5/409, 3 June 1882, 20 a., 2 R., 17 sq. p. 2) WIP 6/438, 31 Aug 1888, 23 a., 2 R., 37 sq. p.	\$6,000
290/18 2 Dec 09	John M. Dennis	Mary E. King, widow of J. J. Harrison King, residing in Alabama District	mentions 1 R. 27 a. transferred to Hammond School District No. 64, mentioned as exception in ES 4/12, 26 Apr 1853 returned to Mary E. King by School Comm. 287/25, 1 Aug 1882	
Mar 09	John M. Dennis	Mary E. King et al	<del>289/539</del> 289/539 289/541	
289/541 30 Nov 09	John M. Dennis Balto. Co.	George R. & Mary Mat Dennis		\$4500
289/539 29 Nov-09	George R. Dennis Jr. et al	Melville E. Doll Trustee, in mortgage from James H. King et al up to Fredericktown Savings Dist. B. mortgage		
2) WIP 6/438 31 Aug 1888	James H. & Mary E. King	Rudolph O. Alice N. Tyger	part of "Altogether" 23 a., 37 sq. p. bordering Turnpike	
2) TG 5/264 1 May 1876	Rudolph O. Tyger	Benjamin F. Brown & Ducas H. Brown	49 a.	\$1500
2) CM 8/35 28 Feb 1872	Wm. D. Hers. berger	Amanda H. Hough		\$1400
1) AF 5/409 3 June 1882	Mary E. King (daughter of Josiah)	Josiah Essex Wash. DC	parts of "Forest Range", "Altogether", "New or Near" 81 a., 4 p.	
1) CM 4/273 28 Aug 1869	Josiah Essex	Singleton King & Mary M. King	81 a. 4 p.	\$4836.38

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1) BGF 2/591 16 Nov 1858	Singleton King	Alpheus W. Marriott	81 a., 4 p.	\$2,150
1) BGF 2/590 13 Nov 1858	Alpheus W. Marriott	Joseph M. Edwards, Sheriff of Frederick Co.	Levi Brady vs. Maria Reigle J	\$350
1) BGF 1/293 2 Mar 1858	Maria Reigle	Levi Brady & Mary Brady	81 a., 4 p.	\$2900
1) ES 4/12 26 Apr 1853	Levi Brady	Evan D. Hammond & Harriet B. Hammond	1A: 27 Aug 1841 Wm. B. Beall to Evan D. Hammond B: 22 Apr 1843 Drafton Hammond to Evan D. Hammond total 102 3/8 a. Total conveyed: 81 a. 4 p.	\$1209.09
1B) HS 18/519 20 Apr 1843 <del>23 May 1843</del>	Evan D. Hammond	Drafton Hammond & Mary Hammond	102 3/8 a.	\$2,381.55
1A) HS 15/104 27 Aug 1841	Evan D. Hammond	Wm. M. Beall trustee in Equity	Home farm of Nathan Hammond of Ormond 362 a., exclusive of Hammond School <del>lot</del> No. 64 1 R. 27 p., 24 Mar 1841	\$9,231

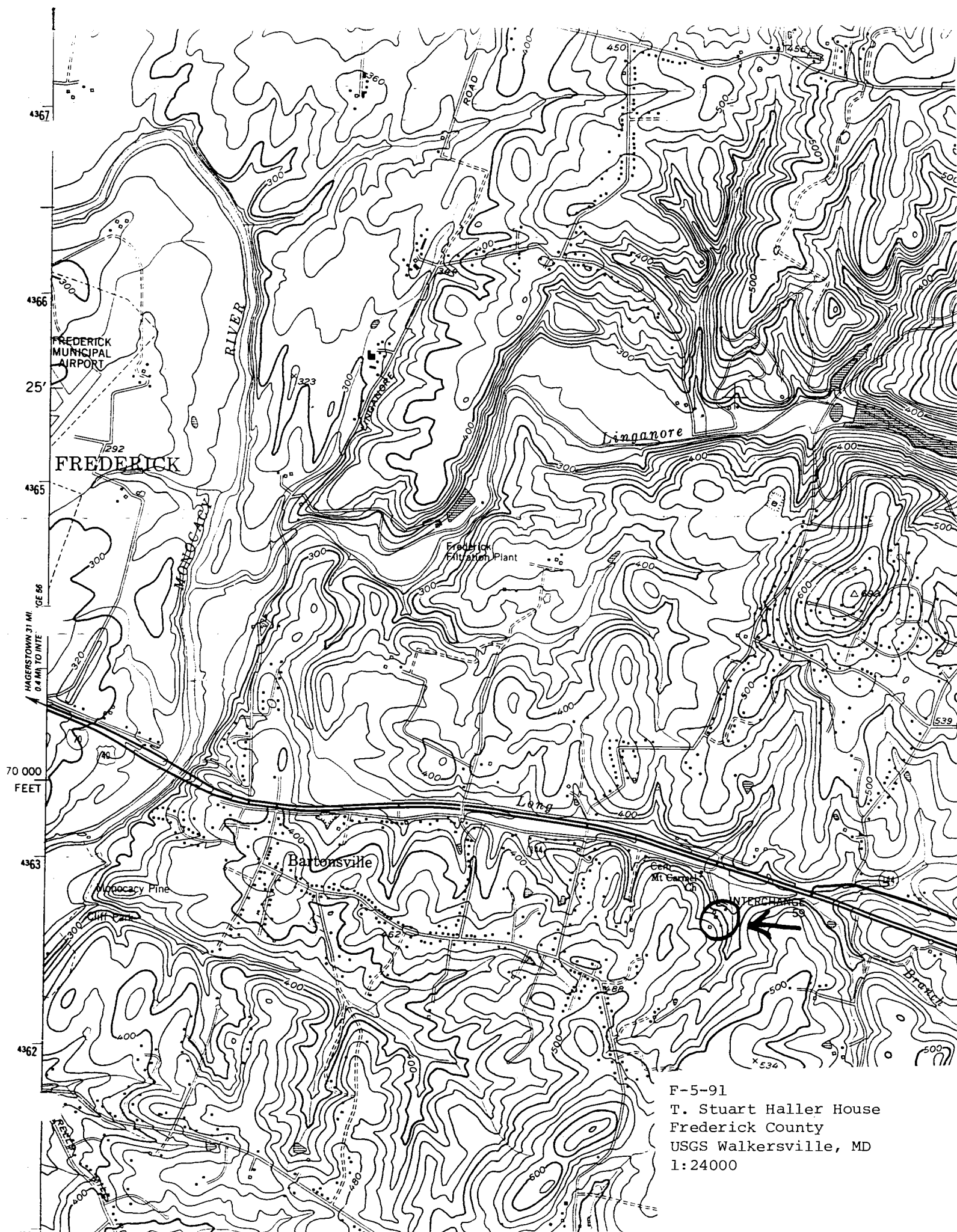


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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick  
County, 1858

# NEW MARKET DIST No. 9

Scale 7 1/2 inches to the mile





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USGS Walkersville, MD  
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Northeast corner view

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Southwest corner view

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Reconstructed and relocated Hammond School /  
studio, southeast corner view

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Stable/garage, northeast corner view

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T. Stuart Baker House

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Tenant house, north elevation

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